the House on 26.2.99, there are 28 Central Public Sector Undertakings (having Registered Offices) in Maharashtra, out of which 20 have earned profits and 8 incurred losses during 1997-98.

(d) Improving the performance of PSUs is a continuous process and enterprise specific. Administrative Ministries/ Departments- in consultation with the management and workers of the units explore various options and devise appropriate measures to improve profitability of loss making enterprises. However, some of the measures taken are financial and business restructuring including joint ventures, technology upgradation, modernisation of plants, diversification, revised marketing strategies, inventory and cost control, rationalisation of manpower, etc.

Import of Tea from Neighbouring Countries

*278. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow import of tea from neighbouring foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the domestic tea industry is likely to face adverse effect on the import of tea from foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to provide concessions to domestic tea industry to face any challenge?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) to (e) The Government has allowed import of 2307 items including Tea under OGL from SAARC Nations vide Public Notice No. 25 (RE-98)/97-02 dated 01.08.1998. This Public Notice allows import without any import licence and does not provide for any tariff concessions.

The Basic Customs Duty for the year 1998-99 on Tea was 10% which in the current Budget proposals has been raised to 15%. The basic duty along with 10% surcharge on basic duty, the Additional Customs Duty in lieu of Central Excise as well as the Special Additional Customs Duty provide adequate cover to the domestic Tea Industry.

Public Sector Undertakings functioning in the country

*279. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Public Sector Undertakings functioning in the country with details thereof;

(b) whether bodies like SAIL, MMTC, Tea Board and Coffee board are included in the list of PSUs;

(c) whether these PSUs and Public bodies have ever paid donation to Trusts or Foundations formed in the memory of great Indian leaders who have passed away; and

(d) if so, the names of PSUs, along with the names of the Trusts/Foundations to which the amount was donated and quantum of donation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) As on 31st March, 1998, there were 236 Central Public Sector Undertakings functioning in the country, a list of which is given in the statement. *(See below)*

(b) While bodies like SAIL and MMTC are included in the list of PSUs, Tea Board and Coffee Board are autonomous bodies and are not included in the list of CPSUs.

(c) and (d) Donations to any Trust or Foundation by Public Sector Undertakings fall within the purview of the respective managements.

Statement

STEEL

1. Eerro Scrap Nigam Ltd.
2. Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.
3. Maharashtra Elektrosmelt Ltd.
4. Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd.
5. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.
6. Sponge Iron India Ltd.
7. Steel Authortiy of India Ltd.
8. Visvesvarayya Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.

MINERALS AND METALS

9. Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd.
10. Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.
11. Bharat Refractories Ltd.
12. Hindustan Copper Ltd.
13. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.
14. Indian Rare Earths Ltd.
15. Kudremukh Iron Ore Co.*Ltd.
16. Manganese Ore (India) Ltd.
17. National Aluminium Co. Ltd.
18. National Mineral Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
19. Uranium Corpn. of India Ltd. COAL AND LIGNITE
20. Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.
21. Central Coalfields Ltd.
22. Coal India Ltd.
23. Eastern Coalfields Ltd.
24. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.
25. Neyveli Lignite Corpn. Ltd.
26. Northern Coal Fields Ltd.
27. South Eastern Coal Fields Ltd.
28. Western Coalfields Ltd.

POWER

29. National Hydro Electric Power Corpn. Ltd.
30. National Thermal Power Corpn. Ltd.
31. North Eastern Electric Power Corpn. Ltd.
32. Nuclear Power Corpn. of India Ltd.

PETROLEUM

33. Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.
34. Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.
35. Cochin Refineries Ltd.
36. Gas Authority of India Ltd.
37. Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.
38. IBP Co. Ltd.
39. Indian Additives Cto.
40. Indian Oil Blending Ltd.
41. Indian Oil Corpn. Ltd.
42. Lubrizol India Ltd.
43. Madras Refineries Ltd.
44. ONGC
45. Oil India Ltd.
46. ONGC Videsh Ltd.

FERTILIZERS

47. Fertilizer Corpn. of India Ltd.
48. Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.
49. Hindustan Fertiliser Co. Ltd.
50. Madras Fertiliser Ltd.
51. National Fertiliser Ltd.
52. Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.
53. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemical Ltd.
54. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertiliser Ltd.

CHEMICA1 & PHARMACEUTICALS

55. Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
56. Bengal Immunity Ltd.
57. Bharat Immunological & Biologicals Corp. Ltd.
58. Hindustan Anitbiotics Ltd.
59. Hindustan Fluorocarbons Ltd.
60. Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.
61. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.
62. Hindustan Salt Ltd.

63. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
64. Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corpn. Ltd.
65. Indian Petro-Chemicals Corpn. Ltd.
66. Karnataka Antibiotics & . Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
67. Maharashtra Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
68. Manipur State Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
69. Orissa Drugs & Chemicals Ltd.
70. Project & Dev. India Ltd.
71. Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
72. Sambhar Salts Ltd.
73. Smit Stanistreet & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
74. Southern Pesticides Corpn. Ltd.
75. U.P. Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

HEAVY ENGINEERING

76. Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd.
77. Bharat Heavy Plate & Vessels Ltd.'
78. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.
79. Bharat Process & Mechnical Engineers Ltd.
80. Bharat Wagon & Engg. Co. Ltd.
81. Bharat Yantra Nigam Ltd.
82. Braithwaite & Co. Ltd.
83. Burn Standard Co. Ltd.
84. Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd.
85. Jessop & Co. Ltd.
86. Lagan Jute Machinery Co. Ltd.
87. Mining & Allied Machinery Corpn. Ltd.
88. Triveni Structural Ltd.
89. Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd.
90. Weighbird (India) Ltd.

MEDIUM AND LIGHT ENGINEERING

91. Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd.
92. Antrix Corporation Ltd.
93. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
94. Bharat Brakes & Valves Ltd.
95. Bharat Dynamics Ltd.
96. Bharat Electronics Ltd.
97. Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd.
98. Biecco Lawrie Ltd.
99. Central Electronics Ltd.
100. Electronic Corpn. of India Ltd.
101. H T L Ltd.
102. H M T Ltd.
103. Hindustan Cables Ltd.
104. HMT Bearings Ltd.
105. I T I Ltd.
106. Instrumentation Ltd.
107. National Instruments Ltd.
108. Praga Tools Ltd.
109. R B L Ltd.
110. Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Ltd.
111. Richardson & Cruddas (1972) Ltd.
112. Semi- Conductor Complex Ltd.
113. Vignyan Inds. Ltd.

TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

114. Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.
115. Central Inland Water Transport Corpn. Ltd.
116. Cochin Shipyard Ltd.
117. Cycle Corpn. of India Ltd.
118. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.
119. Goa Shipyard Ltd.
120. Hindustan Aeronautics. Ltd.
121. Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.
122. Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.

123. Mazagon Dock Ltd.

124. National Bicycle Corpn. of India Ltd.

125. Scooters India Ltd.

CONSUMER GOODS

126. Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd.
127. Birds, Jute & Exports Ltd.
128. Brushware Ltd.
129. Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.
130. Hindustan Latex Ltd.
131. Hindustan Newprint Ltd.

132. Hindustan Paper Corpn. Ltd.

133. Hindustan Photo Films Mfg. Corpn. Ltd.

134. Hindustan Vegetables Oils Corpn. Ltd.
135. Hooghly Printing Co. Ltd.
136. Mandya National Paper Mills Ltd.
137. Modern Food Inds. (India) Ltd.
138. Nagland Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd.
139. Natioanl Jute Mfg. Corpn. Ltd.
140. NEPA Ltd.

141. Rehabilitation Industries Corpn. Ltd.

142. Tannery & footwear Corn. of India Ltd.

143. Tyre Corpn. of India Ltd.

AGRO-BASED INDS.

144. Andaman & Nicobar Isl. Forest & Plant Dev. Corpn. Ltd.

145. National Seeds Corpn. Ltd.

146. North Eastern Regional Agri Mktg. Corpn. Ltd.

147. State Farms Corpn. of India Ltd.

TEXTILES

148. British India Corpn. Ltd.
149. Cawnpore Textiles Ltd.
150. Elgin Mills Co. Ltd.

151. National Handlooms Dev. Corp. Ltd.

152. National Textiles Corpn. Ltd.

153. NTC (Andhra Pradesh Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe) Ltd.

154. NTC (Delhi, Punjab & Rajasthan) Ltd.
155. NTC (Gujarat) Ltd.
156. NTC (Madhya Pradesh) Ltd.
157. NTC (Maharashtra North) Ltd.
158. NTC (Maharashtra South) Ltd.
159. NTC (Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry) Ltd.

160. NTC (Uttar Pradesh) Ltd.

101. NTC (West Bengal, Assam Bihar & Orissa) Ltd.

TRADING AND MARKETING SERVICES

162. Bharat Leather Corpn. Ltd.

163. CMC Ltd.

164. Central. Cottage lnds Corpn. of India Ltd.

165. Central Warehousing Corpn.

166. Cotton Corpn. of India Ltd.

167. Electronics Trade & Technology Dev Corpn. Ltd.

168. Food Corporation of India Ltd.

169. HMT (International) Ltd.

170. Handicrafts & Handlooms Exports Corpn. of India Ltd.
171. Jute Corpn. of India Ltd.
172. MMTC Ltd.

173 MSTC Ltd.

174 North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Dev Corpn. Ltd.

175. PEC Ltd.
176. Spices Trading Corpn. Ltd.
177. State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.
178. Tea Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

179. Air India Charters Ltd.
180. Air India Ltd.

181. Airline Allied Services Ltd.

182. Airports Authority of India
183. Container Corpn. of India Ltd.
184. Dredging Corpn. of India Ltd.
185. Indian Airlines Ltd.
186. Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd.
187. Shipping Corpn. of India Ltd.

CONTRACT AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

188. Braithwaite Burn & Jessop Construction Ltd.
189. Bridge & Roof Co. (India) Ltd.
190. Hindustan Prefab Ltd.
191. Hindustan Steel Works Costn Ltd.
192. Indian Road Constn. Corpn. Ltd.
193. 1RCON International Ltd.
194. Konkan Railway Corpn. Ltd.
195. Mineral Exploration Corpn. Ltd.
196. National Building Construction Corpn. Ltd.
197. National Project Construction Corpn. Ltd.

INDUSTRIAL DEV. AND TECH CONSULTANCY SERVICES

198. Broadcast Engg Consultants India Ltd.
199. Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd.
200). Educational Consultants (India) Ltd.
201. Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.
202. Enginneers India Ltd.
203. Hospital Services Consultancy Corp (India) Ltd.
204. Metallurgical & Engg Consultants (India) Ltd.
205. National Industrial Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
206. National Small Industires Corpn. Ltd.
207. Power Grid Corpn. of India Ltd.
208. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd.
209. Telecommunication Consultants (India) Ltd.
210. Water & Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd.

TOURIST SERVICES

211 Assam Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.
212. Donyi Polo Ashok Hotel Ltd.
213. Hotel Corpn. of India Ltd.
214. India Tourism Dev Corpn. Ltd.
215. Indo Hokke Hotels Ltd.
216. Madhya Pradesh Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.
217. Pondicherry Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.
218. Ranchi Ashok Bihar Hotel Corpn. Ltd.
219. Utkal Ashok Hotel Corpn. Ltd.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

220. Export Credit Gurantee Corpn. of India Ltd.
221. Housing & Urban Dev Corpn. Ltd.
222. Indian Railway Finance Corpn. Ltd.
223. Indian Renewable Energy Dev. Agency Ltd.
224. National Film Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
225. Power Finance Corporation Ltd.
226. Rural Electrification Corpn. Ltd.

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

227. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.
228. Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

SECTION 25 COMPANIES

229. Artificial Limbs Mfg. Corpn. of India Ltd.
230. India Trade Promotion Organisation
231 National Backward Classes Finance & Dev Corp
232. National Handicapped Finance & Dev Corpn.
233. National Minorities Dev & Finance Corp

234 National Research Dev Corpn of India

235 National Safai Karamchari's Finance & Dev Corpn.

236. National SC/ST Finance & Dev Corpn.

असमान औद्योगिक विकास

*280. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव** :

श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी हैं कि पिछड़े क्षेत्रों तथा विकासशील क्षेत्रों के बीच असमानता कई गुणा बढ़ गई हैं और कई राज्यों में पिछड़े क्षेत्र सरकार द्वारा वहां उद्योग स्थापित करने हेतु दिए गए प्रोत्साहनो के बावजूद समुचित बुनियादी सुविधाओं के अभाव में अभी भी पिछड़े हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के औद्योगिकीकरण और अन्तरक्षेत्रीय विकास के बीच असंतुलन को समाप्त करने के लिए पिछड़े क्षेत्रों हेतु प्रभावी एवं व्यावहारिक कार्यनीतियां बनाने के संबंध कें एक नया प्रोत्साहन पैकेज तैयार करने पर विचार कर रही हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) : (क) से (ग) नई औद्योगिक नीति की घोषणा के पश्चात, पहले से अधिक निवेश संबंधी निर्णय उद्यमियों की वाणिज्यिक धारणा पर आधारित हैं। पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में औद्योगिक विकास का संवर्धन प्राथमिकता राज्य सरकारों की पहल पर निर्भर करता हैं। केन्द्रीय सरकार विकास केन्द्र योजना, एकीकृत अवसंरचना विकास योजना तथा परिवहन राजसहायता योजना जैसी योजनाओं के माध्यम से राज्यों के प्रयासों को बढ़ावा देती हैं। पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों के लिए, एक समर्पित नीति पैकेज की घोषणा के द्वारा उन पर विशेष ध्यान दिया गया हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त पिछड़े राज्यों केन्द्र शासित क्षेत्रों तथा जिलों में उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए वित्तीय प्रोत्साहन भी उपलब्ध हैं।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Import of Tea from Sri Lanka

2016. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to sell the tea gardens of public sector unit Tea Trading Company of India Ltd. to another PSU M/s. Balmer Lawrie;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that Balmer Lawrie itself is sick and its gardens are also not doing well;

(d) if so, whether Government feel that M/s. Balmer Lawrie will be able to handle the sick tea gardens of Tea Trading Company Ltd.;

(e) whether Government are also aware that one of the most important reasons for sickness is free import of tea from Sri Lanka; and

(f) if so, whether Government will put some kind of restriction on the import of tea from Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI.RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) to (d) Tea Trading Corporation of India (TTCI), a wholly owned subsidiary of STC is facing an acute financial crunch with an estimated liability around Rs. 36 crores as on 31.1.97. The Corporation is presently engaged with the following three options:

(i) Outright sale of the shares of the Corporation;

(ii) Bifurcation of the existing company in case (i) is not found possible; and

(iii) STC to initiate liquidation proceedings in case options (i) and (ii) above are not found practicable.

The offer from M/s. Balmer Lawrie, which is very preliminary without any